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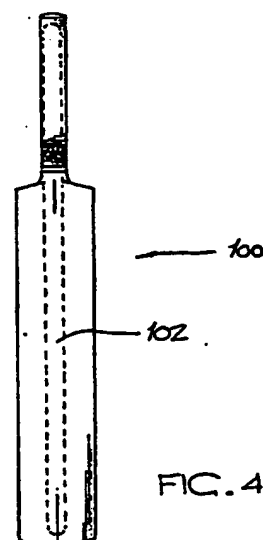
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(54) Sporting equipment, such as hockey sticks, cricket bats and the like, and method of manufacturing such items.

(57) This invention relates to items of sporting equipment: such as hockey sticks, bats, clubs, mallets and the like and a method of manufacturing an article of sporting equipment such as a bat, club, mallet, hockey stick or the like is disclosed. The method comprises the steps of forming a core (18) which may be of wood or of synthetic fibres, roughly in the shape of the article and encapsulating the core (18) in a plastics material (20) in a mould.



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